

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 52-55 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Claims 1-10, 43, 44, 47-49, 58, and 64-69 are pending.

Claims 52-57 were rejected as obvious over Yoshida in view of Kuijk. As claims 56 and 57 were canceled previously it is assumed that the rejection was intended to be applied to claims 52-55. The rejection is rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 52-55. Applicants are not conceding the correctness of the rejection.

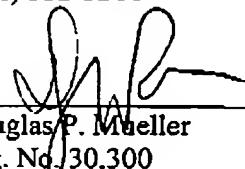
Applicants note that some of the symbols in the statement of reasons for allowance on page 8 of the Office Action do not seem to have printed correctly. This should not be construed as Applicants' acquiescence to the reasons for allowance, nor an indication that there are no other reasons that the claims should be considered patentable.

In view of the above, favorable reconsideration in the form of a notice of allowance is requested.

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